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SUBJECT: POLICY STATEMENT BY NEW GOS: INDEPENDENCE BY 1975

1. IN A 2 1/2 HOUR ADDRESS TO THE STATE, ON FEBRUARY 15, PRIME MINISTER ARRON OUTLINED THE POLICIES TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE NPK-COALITION GOVERNMENT. ARRON'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE GOS HAD ADOPTED AS A GOAL INDEPENDENCE FOR SURINAM FROM HOLLAND BY THE END OF 1975 ATTRACTED MOST ATTENTION AND COMMENT IN A GENERAL STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS WHICH OTHERWISE WAS PREDOMINANTLY VAGUE. NON-GOVERNMENTAL POLITICAL CIRCLES AND THE MEDIA GENERALLY WERE SURPRISED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN INDEPENDENCE DATE AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY ONE WHICH ANTICIPATES THE 1976 OR 1977 ESTIMATED DATES WHICH HAVE BEEN PRIVATELY VOICED IN GOVERNMENT POLITICAL CIRCLES. REACTION FROM OPPOSITION HINDUSTANI AND CONSERVATIVE CIRCLES WAS PREDICTABLY UNFAVORABLE BUT LOW KEYED, WITH SOME VHP LEADERS REQUESTING A REFERENDUM. DUTCH POLITICIANS VAN LIER AND MINISTER DE GAAY FORTMAN ARE QUOTED IN LOCAL PRESS AS REACTING POSITIVELY.

2. HOWEVER, EVEN AMONG SOME PRO-INDEPENDENCE CIRCLES HERE THERE IS SOME QUESTION WHETHER SEVERAL THORNY CONSTITUTIONAL

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AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, SUCH AS, MIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP,

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, DEFENSE, CAN BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED  
IN THE ALLOTTED TIME. THESE MATTERS HAVE BARELY BEEN STUDIED  
BY THE GOS AND HAVE PROBABLY NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN ANY DETAIL  
BY THE GOS AND GON. ALSO, SOME COMMENTATORS HAVE POINTED  
OUT THAT A CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE TO EFFECT INDEPENDENCE WOULD  
REQUIRE A 2/3 MAJORITY IN THE STATEN WHICH THE NPK-COALITION  
FALLS SHORT OF POSSESSING BY ONE VOTE.

3. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT STATEMENT AND COMMENT FOLLOW IN  
SEPTTEL.  
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